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**Judiciary Committee** 

Bill #5488

Risk Reduction Earned Credit? What right does Jason Osimanti have to be eligible for this program? IT was decided that Manslaughter applies to this Act. Doesn't Premeditated Murder, Capitol Murder, Involuntary Murder and Manslaughter all mean that some was killed by the hand of someone else? As a prosecutor once told me "murder is murder there is no difference." How can Manslaughter be included in this Act my brother, John Barnum, was stabbed to death at the hand of convicted inmate Jason Osimanti, inmate #216857. It is unconceivable that the Judicial System would even entertain that this is not a serious enough crime to NOT be on this list. How can inmate #216857 be rewarded for killing my brother? I find this very cruel to a victim of murder that the Judicial System could devalue my brother John Barnum's life by reducing inmate #216857's sentence for good behavior, this sentence was handed down by a Jury of HIS peers.

Risk Reduction Earned Credit? Why were we the VICTIM'S NOT given the right to be heard last July 2011, we were treated with the utmost DISRESPECT to me informed of this RREC Act my mail? Why is inmate #216857 treated with MORE respect than us, the victims, of murder by being allowed to have time taken off the 12 year sentence he was found guilty of?

I a victim of a murdered brother, John Barnum, want to know how would you feel if your brother was stabbed to death at 39 years old leaving behind a young son, mother & 2 sisters who will never be able to see John again, then find out that the murderer Jason Osimanti Inmate #216857 can be released early for good behavior without regard to us the family? Lastly to find that the Risk Reduction Earned Credit Act is being awarded retroactively back to 2006 again without voice from the victims, we were not give the opportunity to speak, why? John's life, my brother's life, is worth every day of the 12 years that Inmate #216857 was convicted to and more.

The Victims of Connecticut should be able to have a voice and be heard with our concerns and not have been be ignored and this Act be put into place behind the scenes. Again manslaughter, involuntary murder, premeditated murder & capital murder ALL mean the same my brother John Barnum is still dead from a choice inmate #216857 made.

Please take the time to review and revise the Act as it is poorly unjust to the people that this affects, us the victims of Murder and remove this deadly offense from the Risk Reduction Earned Credit Act. Please do not let inmate #216857 be released from the Department of Corrections till he has served his full term which is September 21, 2017 for the murder of my brother John Barnum.

Concerened Victim of Murder,

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